



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Special Note

Beginning with this publication, the *Broiler Hatchery* report is being expanded to include estimates for Other States and the United States. Please contact the Livestock Branch at (202) 720-3570 or email at [hq\\_sd\\_lb@nass.usda.gov](mailto:hq_sd_lb@nass.usda.gov) with any questions or concerns.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 9, 2013. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the 19 State Total Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 9, 2013. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through February 9, 2013 for the 19 State total were 977 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013

State	Week ending					
	January 5, 2013	January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013	January 26, 2013	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,948	27,683	27,771	27,698	27,912	28,153
Arkansas .....	21,686	21,822	21,756	21,660	21,888	21,867
Delaware .....	3,414	3,415	3,414	3,415	3,415	3,415
Florida .....	1,223	1,220	1,222	1,224	1,222	1,223
Georgia .....	32,580	31,606	32,584	32,754	32,874	32,999
Kentucky .....	7,601	7,494	7,422	7,803	7,835	7,771
Louisiana .....	3,258	3,273	3,273	3,273	3,273	3,273
Maryland .....	7,212	7,215	7,171	7,237	7,191	7,213
Mississippi .....	16,549	17,073	16,908	16,971	17,031	17,305
Missouri .....	7,995	7,997	7,715	7,966	8,107	8,154
North Carolina .....	19,937	19,941	19,607	20,106	19,984	19,908
Oklahoma .....	6,935	6,929	6,514	6,922	6,963	7,020
Pennsylvania .....	3,766	4,009	4,033	3,742	3,632	3,721
South Carolina .....	4,879	5,264	5,217	5,661	5,554	5,283
Texas .....	14,377	14,451	14,426	14,531	14,726	14,888
Virginia .....	6,357	6,342	6,323	6,388	6,379	6,392
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,488	10,272	10,373	10,379	10,018	8,097
19 State total .....	196,205	196,006	195,729	197,730	198,004	196,682
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	101	102	103	101
Other States .....	7,630	7,584	7,586	7,719	7,518	7,611
United States .....	203,835	203,590	203,315	205,449	205,522	204,293

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013

State	Week ending					
	January 5, 2013	January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013	January 26, 2013	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,164	21,034	21,227	21,022	21,020	21,270
Arkansas .....	21,225	20,390	21,231	20,935	19,916	19,729
Delaware .....	4,181	4,566	3,964	4,776	3,419	3,891
Florida .....	1,226	1,536	1,325	1,280	1,384	1,410
Georgia .....	27,209	26,800	26,886	26,675	25,711	25,652
Kentucky .....	6,169	6,296	5,931	6,242	6,433	6,042
Louisiana .....	2,966	2,957	2,972	2,934	2,941	2,951
Maryland .....	5,860	6,096	6,713	5,456	6,620	5,815
Mississippi .....	14,757	14,519	14,467	14,208	14,598	14,399
Missouri .....	5,484	5,382	5,342	5,414	5,655	5,653
North Carolina .....	16,076	15,890	16,130	16,250	15,577	15,757
Oklahoma .....	3,579	4,051	3,605	3,437	4,194	4,292
Pennsylvania .....	3,048	2,964	2,986	3,093	3,160	3,346
South Carolina .....	3,779	4,252	3,954	3,765	4,516	4,589
Texas .....	11,966	11,919	11,614	12,097	12,205	12,133
Virginia .....	4,954	4,835	4,420	5,351	5,247	5,386
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,745	10,281	9,338	9,876	9,601	10,092
19 State total .....	163,388	163,768	162,105	162,811	162,197	162,407
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	101	101	101	100
Other States .....	5,852	5,668	5,408	5,528	5,421	5,575
United States .....	169,240	169,436	167,513	168,339	167,618	167,982

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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